

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-32. (Cancelled).

33. (New) A method of forming a wiping product, said method comprising:
providing a nonwoven web that contains at least about 20% by weight meltblown fibers, said nonwoven web defining a first side and a second side; and
bonding said nonwoven web by microcreping said first side of said web, said second side of said web, or both, wherein said bonded nonwoven web defines an outer surface of the wiping product.

34. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein said meltblown fibers are polyolefin fibers.

35. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein said nonwoven web contains at least about 40% by weight of said meltblown fibers.

36. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein said nonwoven web contains at least about 60% by weight of said meltblown fibers.

37. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein said nonwoven web further contains a material selected from the group consisting of pulp fibers, thermomechanical pulp fibers, staple fibers, superabsorbent materials, and combinations thereof.

38. (New) A method as defined in claim 37, wherein said nonwoven web contains pulp fibers.

39. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein said second side of said nonwoven web defines another outer surface of the wiping product.

40. (New) A method as defined in claim 39, further comprising microcreping said second side of said nonwoven web.

41. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein the wiping product contains multiple layers, wherein one of said layers is formed by said nonwoven web and another of said layers is formed by an additional nonwoven web.

42. (New) A method as defined in claim 41, wherein a first side of said additional nonwoven web defines another outer surface of the wiping product.

43. (New) A method as defined in claim 42, further comprising microcreping said first side of said additional nonwoven web.

44. (New) A method as defined in claim 41, wherein said additional nonwoven web contains melt-spun fibers.

45. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein the wiping product has an extensibility of from about 5% to about 30% in the lengthwise direction.

46. (New) A method as defined in claim 33, wherein the wiping product has an extensibility of from about 5% to about 25% in the lengthwise direction.

47. (New) A method of forming a wiping product, said method comprising:
providing a nonwoven web that contains at least 40% by weight meltblown fibers, said nonwoven web defining a first side and a second side; and

bonding said nonwoven web by microcreping said first side of said web, said second side of said web, or both, wherein said bonded nonwoven web defines an outer surface of the wiping product, and wherein the wiping product has an extensibility of from about 5% to about 30% in the lengthwise direction.

48. (New) A method as defined in claim 47, wherein said meltblown fibers are polyolefin fibers.

49. (New) A method as defined in claim 47, wherein said nonwoven web further contains a material selected from the group consisting of pulp fibers, thermomechanical pulp fibers, staple fibers, superabsorbent materials, and combinations thereof.

50. (New) A method as defined in claim 47, wherein said second side of said nonwoven web defines another outer surface of the wiping product.

51. (New) A method as defined in claim 50, further comprising microcreping said second side of said nonwoven web.

52. (New) A method as defined in claim 47, wherein the wiping product contains multiple layers, wherein one of said layers is formed by said nonwoven web and another of said layers is formed by an additional nonwoven web.

53. (New) A method as defined in claim 52, wherein a first side of said additional nonwoven web defines another outer surface of the wiping product.

54. (New) A method as defined in claim 53, further comprising microcreping said first side of said additional nonwoven web.

55. (New) A method as defined in claim 52, wherein said additional nonwoven web contains melt-spun fibers.

56. (New) A method as defined in claim 47, wherein the wiping product has an extensibility of from about 5% to about 25% in the lengthwise direction.

57. (New) A method of forming a wiping product comprising:
providing a nonwoven web that contains at least 40% by weight meltblown fibers,
said nonwoven web defining a first side and a second side; and

bonding said nonwoven web by a method consisting essentially of microcreping said first side of said web, said second side of said web, or both, wherein said bonded nonwoven web defines an outer surface of the wiping product, and wherein the wiping product has an extensibility of from about 5% to about 30% in the lengthwise direction.

58. (New) A method as defined in claim 57, wherein said meltblown fibers are polyolefin fibers.

59. (New) A method as defined in claim 57, wherein said second side of said nonwoven web defines another outer surface of the wiping product.

60. (New) A method as defined in claim 57, wherein the wiping product contains multiple layers, wherein one of said layers is formed by said nonwoven web and another of said layers is formed by an additional nonwoven web.

61. (New) A method as defined in claim 57, wherein the wiping product has an extensibility of from about 5% to about 25% in the lengthwise direction.

62. (New) A method of forming a fabric comprising:

providing a first nonwoven web containing melt-spun fibers, said first nonwoven web having a first side and a second side, said first side of said first nonwoven web defining a first outer surface of the fabric and said second side of said first nonwoven web defining a second outer surface of the fabric; and

bonding said first nonwoven web by microcreping said first side and said second side of said first nonwoven web along at least one of its planar dimensions.

63. (New) A method as defined in claim 62, wherein said melt-spun fibers are meltblown fibers.

64. (New) A method as defined in claim 62, wherein said melt-spun fibers are polyolefin fibers.

65. (New) A method as defined in claim 62, wherein said nonwoven web contains at least about 20% by weight of said melt-spun fibers.

66. (New) A method as defined in claim 62, wherein said nonwoven web contains at least about 40% by weight of said melt-spun fibers.

67. (New) A method as defined in claim 62, wherein the fabric has an extensibility from about 5% to about 30% in the lengthwise direction.

68. (New) A method as defined in claim 62, wherein the fabric has an extensibility from about 5% to about 25% in the lengthwise direction.

69. (New) A method of forming a fabric having multiple layers, wherein one of said layers comprises a first nonwoven web containing melt-spun fibers, said first nonwoven web having a first side and a second side, wherein another of said layers comprises a second nonwoven web containing melt-spun fibers said second nonwoven web having a first side and a second side, wherein said first side of said first nonwoven web defines a first outer surface of the fabric, said method comprising bonding said first nonwoven web by microcreping said first side of said first nonwoven web along at least one of its planar dimensions.

70. (New) A method as defined in claim 69, wherein said melt-spun fibers are meltblown fibers.

71. (New) A method as defined in claim 69, wherein said melt-spun fibers are polyolefin fibers.

72. (New) A method as defined in claim 69, wherein said nonwoven web contains at least about 20% by weight of said melt-spun fibers.

73. (New) A method as defined in claim 69, wherein said nonwoven web contains at least about 40% by weight of said melt-spun fibers.

74. (New) A method as defined in claim 69, wherein the fabric has an extensibility from about 5% to about 30% in the lengthwise direction.

75. (New) A method as defined in claim 69, wherein the fabric has an extensibility from about 5% to about 25% in the lengthwise direction.